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Middle Beach E-Mail Newsletter

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Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Twenty five Middle Beach residents attended a neighborhood meeting held on April 14, 2003 at the Nautilus Middle High School Cafeteria. Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. This newsletter highlights those areas and provides important information regarding the City's programs and the community's responsibilities. Educating the community is the first step towards enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods. The following eight items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Status of 63rd Street flyover project and proposed modifications to the intersection leading into Allison Island and the Aqua development.
2. Alton Road traffic calming and the impact of speeding cars on the quality of life and safety of the residents and damage to parked vehicles.
3. Information regarding FDOT's plans for Alton Road.
4. Need for designated bike paths in Miami Beach.
5. Status of 42nd Street improvement project.
6. Plans for Par 3 golf course.
7. Status of La Gorce/Pine Tree Drive median project.
8. Status of the Swale Maintenance Committee

63rd Street Flyover Project

The expected start date of this FDOT project is April 2005. This project was approved by the City Commission, and includes the removal of the existing flyover bridge. The intersection in front of the Aqua development, formerly St. Francis Hospital, is also scheduled for improvements.

Traffic Calming

In an effort to slow traffic, the Police Department has been deploying Smart Trailers around the neighborhood, which records a vehicle's speed and displays it on a large panel to warn drivers about the speed that they are traveling.

Police
(non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire
(non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Parks &
Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

Bulky Waste
Pick-Up
Appointment
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

Water & Sewer
Streets
Sidewalks
Streetlights
Storm water
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL

(Power outages & street lights
on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

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and Richard Steinberg
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Department

The Motorcycle Squad has issued 493 citations and 29 warnings on Alton Road this year. They have issued 275 citations and 22 warnings on Pinetree Drive this year. The Motorcycle squad will continue to enforce speeding violations daily in the Middle District.

Alton Road Projects

Currently, the City of Miami Beach is performing water main repairs to the system along Alton Road in anticipation of the upcoming Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project, which is scheduled to start milling and paving Alton Road, from 43rd Street to 63rd Street / Pine Tree Drive, late this year or early next year. Included in this project will be safety features designed by FDOT to address traffic hazards they have identified.

Bicycle Paths for Middle Beach

Due to the intense interest shown by Middle Beach residents, the Mayor is creating a "Blue Ribbon" or Advisory panel to work with City staff in bringing safe bicycle paths to the area.

Committee members are being selected, and it is tentatively set for the April 30th Commission meeting for formalizing the panel.

42nd Street Improvements

Plans and specifications were submitted to the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for this project, but were rejected and the contractor was asked to rework and resubmit them. To visit CIP's website, **hold down the CNTRL button down and click on this link:** [Capital Improvements](http://www.cmbprojects.com/)

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Plans for the Par 3 Golf Course

Currently, there are no set plans for the Par 3 golf course located "behind" the Rakow Youth Center. However, a joint board meeting (Youth Center Advisory Committee, the Golf Advisory Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee) planned for April 15th at the Center Will discuss this very issue. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available...

LaGorce/Pinetree Medians

Plans are 100% complete, final contractor selection is in process, and it is planned to start construction in one month. Because of the importance of the completion of this project to the area residents, the City Commission empowered the City Manager to speed up the contractor selection and bid process.

Swale Maintenance Committee

The City recently formed a Swale Maintenance Committee. The goal of the Committee is to define and recommend standards and rules

for swale related issues such as landscaping, parking, and maintenance standards. Recommended standards will be presented to the City Commission for adoption. Recommendations should be available by late summer.

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